

# Daily Eagle

**Gondolas and Gondoliers of Venice.**  
On these evenings it is amusing to watch the elegant private gondolas waiting in crowds to bear their fair mistresses home. It is a regular battle of the boats. Each gondolier does his best to get his floating carriage up to the steps first, and vast is the pushing and scuffling, loud the uproar. One by one the carved barks, with glittering prows and tufted funereal coverings, emerge from below the darkness of the bridges into the dimly-lighted canal; a plank is laid to the shore, in one hand the spruce-dressed gondolier holds a beautiful lantern of worked iron and ancient design, the other he offers to his mistress, who, leaning lightly on his shoulder, trips into the gondola, and, deftly turning around, hangs as gracefully as she can into her coffin-like cabin. Here, where the ordinary carriage looks like a gala barge, in the midst of the long and graceful bark the coffin is shrouded below a rich canopy of draped black and silver stuff, glittering in the sun, and in singular contrast to the unrelieved sameness of the gondolas which carry the living.  
On one which I saw the other day, a silver lion of St. Mark crouched in the stern, while on the prow stood the silver, life-sized figure of an angel with a trumpet. The gondoliers, too, were dressed in black and silver, their arms and legs covered with a close-fitting black and white stuff, and on their heads black caps with white, curling feathers—striking and probably a very ancient costume. The truth is that all the sights and sounds of Venice have a peculiar fascination of their own, and Mr. Howells is quite right when he says that however long one may live here, one never gets thoroughly familiarized with the place. You may imagine you do, you may come to think about it, and then all of a sudden the beauty, the attraction, the strangeness strikes you as vividly as the first time, and envelop you and carry you off from ordinary, work-a-day life.—*Florence Gautier's Venice Letter.*

**A Great Enterprise Just Announced.**  
An immense scheme for the supply of water to Bombay has just been inaugurated at a point six miles distant from the city, under the name of the "Great Indian Peninsula Water Supply." Here there will be created a lake of eight miles in area; from it an aqueduct will be constructed to carry the water to the city. A dam 9,000 feet in length, 115 feet in height, and 100 feet wide at the base, is being built across the Tansa valley to impound the waters of the river, and it will require six years for its completion. It will contain over 10,000,000 cubic feet of masonry, which will be built in installments, each year's work stretching across the valley, so that the water may accumulate behind it from the gathering ground.  
The contractors have already commenced work on the foundations, and have prepared a village for the reception of their work people. The neighborhood is entirely desolate, and all the artisans have come from a distance. Already 5,000 people have gathered to the place, and it is expected that the number will rise to 10,000. A special water supply has been laid down for them, and every arrangement made for their health and comfort. The stores is found in this neighborhood, but the hunker and cannibal come from a great distance, and a branch line is to be laid from the railway to deliver them direct to the spot.—*Frank Leslie's.*

**Bring Science to the Rescue.**  
Can you imagine a Yankee inventing artificial feathers, and so take the wind out of the sails of the Ornithologists' union and the Audubon society? The discovery of petroleum has saved the whales from extermination, and the manufacture of celluloid in imitation of ivory is destined to supersede the use of the latter article, and so give the dear old elephant a rest. Verily, science is a big machine, and will shortly supersede all natural products. The next thing we look for is the manufacture of scientific food to take the place of bread and meat. Some one will take a load of dirt and put it into a machine, extract all the nourishment from it, and sell the product for 1 cent a pound. Then half the population will be starving from overproduction, we suppose. That's the way these benefits work.—*Texas Siftings.*

**Salmon Found in the Hudson.**  
There is a legend that salmon was once so plentiful on family dinner tables in the state capital that it was sold by the name of "Albany beef." A much more palatable dish is now reappearing in the waters of the upper Hudson after an absence of many years. The steel fishermen at Troy have found three salmon in their nets within a few days past, and a dispatch from that city says that the unwelcome catch has made a "great excitement" there. These salmon are alleged to be the product of fry planted in trout streams in Warren county, on the borders of the Adirondack region, four years ago. This county lies far north of Troy, and Lake George forms part of its eastern boundary.—*Chicago Tribune.*

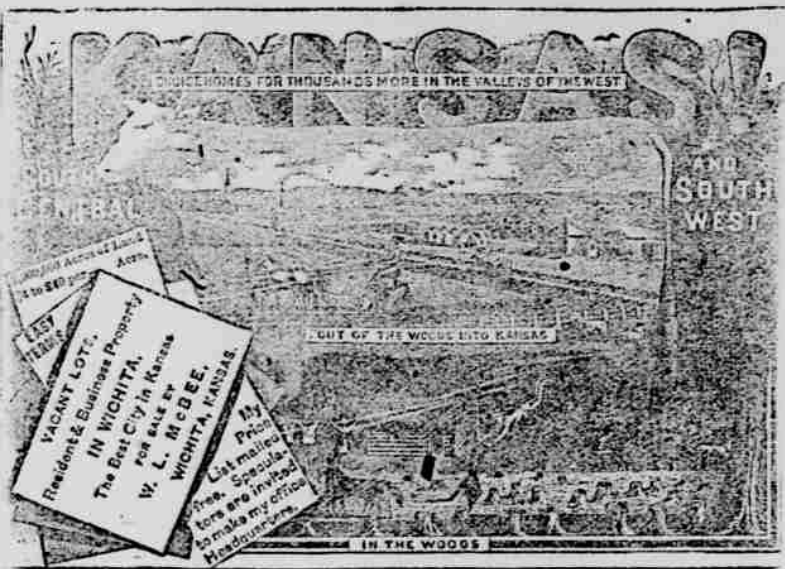
**The Mythical Tea of China.**  
"You have often heard," said a dealer to me the other day, "that there is an exquisite tea in China which never comes to this country, and that what little of it leaves that country goes to Russia to delight the nobility of that country. It is said that people in this country have never tasted a real cup of tea, and so on. Now, so far as I can learn—and I think I ought to know—this is all a myth. There is no tea in China which can not easily be imported into this country. The Chinese have a kind of tea that they think is better than what they send us, but we could not drink it. It is very weak and has a mawkish flavor that is rather sickening to us."—*Cor. Chicago Journal.*

**The Dress-Suit as a Torture.**  
I heard the other night, from a man who certainly should know, that when Mary Anderson engaged her stage manager and her proprietor for the season, she stipulated in the contract that they should wear evening dress whenever they entered upon their official duties. They did so, and now they are talking about it, and asserting that no man can tell what an instrument of torture a dress suit is until forced to wear it at regular intervals by an ironed contract in black and white.—*Diskey's Daily Letter.*

**They Did Not Resign.**  
"Gentlemen," said an old-fashioned Baltimore merchant, as he called his clerks around him, "I have decided to make a new departure. I shall not in a cabler who will have after him all the money and make all the change."  
There was a great sensation among them at once, with muttered threats about resigning. "But, gentlemen," he continued, "to prove that this is no imposition on your honesty I will agree to advance every clerk's wages to cover the amount he has been in the habit of forgetting to deposit in the drawer at night. Please hand in your figures this afternoon."  
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